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7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
8 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
9 AT SEATTLE

10 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

11 Plaintiff,

12 v.

13 HANY VELETANLIC,

14 Defendant.

CASE NO. CR18-0162JLR

INDICATIVE ORDER DENYING  
MOTION FOR  
COMPASSIONATE RELEASE

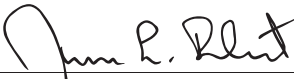
15 This matter comes before the court upon Defendant Hany Veletanlic's motion for  
16 compassionate release. (Mot. (Dkt. # 209).) Defendant "concedes the District Court  
17 lacks jurisdiction because the case is pending on appeal" to the Ninth Circuit. (Reply  
18 (Dkt. # 223) at 4.) Therefore, the court treats the pending motion as a motion for an  
19 indicative ruling pursuant to Rule 37(a). Fed. R. Crim. P. 37(a). After a complete review  
20 of the motion on the merits, the motion is DENIED.

21 In deciding the motion the court considered the following factors: Defendant's  
22 age (37); the COVID-19 situation in Defendant's current BOP facility; Defendant's

1 susceptibility to COVID-19 arising from his mental and physical conditions including  
2 lead poisoning, hypertension, high blood pressure, A-V block and mental health issues;  
3 Defendant's conviction on the underlying counts, sentence (85 months) and period of  
4 time in custody; Defendant's release plan; the 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a) factors; the court's  
5 experience with Defendant in pretrial, trial, post-trial and sentencing matters; Defendant's  
6 portrayal of himself as naïve, unsophisticated and trusting versus the court's findings that  
7 Defendant is untrustworthy, sophisticated and calculating; Defendant's post-verdict  
8 conduct and danger to the community.

9 Defendant has not established extraordinary and compelling reasons to grant his  
10 motion. Therefore, the motion (Dkt. # 209) is DENIED.

11 Dated this 17th day of February, 2021.

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13 JAMES L. ROBART  
14 United States District Judge  
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